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: DEFAME, SLANDER ⟨he was *traduced* in the past⟩ ♦ ***Synonyms*** MALIGN, LIBEL, CALUMNIATE — **tra•duc•er** *n*

[1]traf•fic \'tra-fik\ *n* **1** : the business of bartering or buying and selling **2** : communication or dealings between individuals or groups **3** : the movement (as of vehicles) along a route; *also* : the vehicles, people, ships, or planes moving along a route **4** : the passengers or cargo carried by a transportation system

[2]traffic *vb* **traf•ficked; traf•fick•ing** **1** : to carry on business dealings **2** : to engage in commerce : DEAL, TRADE ⟨*trafficked* in illegal drugs⟩ — **traf•fick•er** *n*

traffic circle *n* : ROTARY 2

traffic light *n* : a visual signal (as a system of lights) for controlling traffic

tra•ge•di•an \trə-'jē-dē-ən\ *n* **1** : a writer of tragedies **2** : an actor who plays tragic roles

tra•ge•di•enne \trə-ˌjē-dē-'en\ *n* [F] : an actress who plays tragic roles

trag•e•dy \'tra-jə-dē\ *n, pl* **-dies** [ME *tragedie*, fr. MF, fr. L *tragoedia*, fr. Gk *tragōidia*, fr. *tragos* goat + *aeidein* to sing] **1** : a serious drama with a sorrowful or disastrous conclusion **2** : a disastrous event : CALAMITY; *also* : MISFORTUNE **3** : tragic quality or element ⟨the ~ of life⟩

trag•ic \'tra-jik\ *also* **trag•i•cal** \-ji-kəl\ *adj* **1** : of, relating to, or expressive of tragedy **2** : appropriate to tragedy **3** : LAMENTABLE, UNFORTUNATE ⟨a ~ mistake⟩ — **trag•i•cal•ly** \-ji-k(ə-)lē\ *adv*

[1]trail \'trāl\ *vb* **1** : to hang down so as to drag along or sweep the ground **2** : to draw or drag along behind **3** : to extend over a surface in a straggling manner **4** : to lag behind **5** : to follow the track of : PURSUE **6** : DWINDLE ⟨her voice ~*ed* off⟩

[2]trail *n* **1** : something that trails or is trailed ⟨a ~ of smoke⟩ **2** : a trace or mark left by something that has passed or been drawn along : SCENT, TRACK ⟨a ~ of blood⟩ **3** : a beaten path; *also* : a marked path through woods

trail bike *n* : a small motorcycle for offroad use

trail•blaz•er \-ˌblā-zər\ *n* : PATHFINDER, PIONEER — **trail•blaz•ing** *adj or n*

trail•er \'trā-lər\ *n* **1** : one that trails; *esp* : a creeping plant (as an ivy) **2** : a vehicle that is hauled by another (as a tractor) **3** : a vehicle equipped to serve wherever parked as a dwelling or place of business **4** : PREVIEW 3

trailer park *n* : a site equipped to accommodate mobile homes

trailing arbutus *n* : a creeping spring-flowering plant of the heath family with fragrant pink or white flowers

[1]train \'trān\ *n* [ME, fr. AF, fr. *trainer* to draw, drag] **1** : a part of a gown that trails behind the wearer **2** : RETINUE **3** : a moving file of persons, vehicles, or animals **4** : a connected series ⟨a ~ of thought⟩ **5** : AFTERMATH **6** : a connected line of railroad cars usu. hauled by a locomotive ♦ ***Synonyms*** SUCCESSION, SEQUENCE, PROCESSION, CHAIN

[2]train *vb* [ME, to trail, drag, train, fr. AF *trainer*] **1** : to cause to grow as desired ⟨~ a vine on a trellis⟩ **2** : to form by instruction, discipline, or drill **3** : to make or become prepared (as by exercise) for a test of skill **4** : to aim or point at an object ⟨~ guns on a fort⟩ ♦ ***Synonyms*** DISCIPLINE, SCHOOL, EDUCATE, INSTRUCT — **train•er** *n*

train•ee \trā-'nē\ *n* : one who is being trained esp. for a job

train•ing \'trā-niŋ\ *n* **1** : the act, process, or method of one who trains **2** : the skill, knowledge, or experience gained by one who trains

train•man \-mən\ *n* : a member of a train crew

traipse \'trāps\ *vb* **traipsed; traips•ing** : TRAMP, WALK ⟨~ the countryside⟩

trait \'trāt\ *n* **1** : a distinguishing quality (as of personality) **2** : an inherited characteristic

trai•tor \'trā-tər\ *n* [ME *traytour*, fr. AF *traitre*, fr. L *traditor*, fr. *tradere* to hand over, deliver, betray, fr. *trans-* across + *dare* to give] **1** : one who betrays another's trust or is false to an obligation **2** : one who commits treason — **trai•tor•ous** *adj*

tra•jec•to•ry \trə-'jek-tə-rē\ *n, pl* **-ries** : the curve that a body (as a planet in its orbit) describes in space

tram \'tram\ *n* **1** : a boxlike car running on rails (as in a mine) **2** *chiefly Brit* : STREETCAR **3** : an overhead cable car

[1]tram•mel \'tra-məl\ *n* [ME *tramayle*, a kind of net, fr. OF *tramail*, fr. LL *tremaculum*, fr. L *tres* three + *macula* mesh, spot] : something impeding activity, progress, or freedom — usu. used in pl.

[2]trammel *vb* **-meled** *or* **-melled; -mel•ing** *or* **-mel•ling** **1** : to catch and hold in or as if in a net **2** : HAMPER ♦ ***Synonyms*** CLOG, FETTER, SHACKLE, HOBBLE

[1]tramp \'tramp, *1 & 3 are also* 'träm*p*, 'trȯm*p*\ *vb* **1** : to walk, tread, or step heavily **2** : to walk about or through; *also* : HIKE ⟨~*ed* through the woods⟩ **3** : to tread on forcibly and repeatedly

[2]tramp \'tramp, *5 is also* 'träm*p*, 'trȯm*p*\ *n* **1** : VAGRANT **2** : a foot traveler **3** : an immoral woman; *esp* : PROSTITUTE **4** : a walking trip : HIKE **5** : the succession of sounds made by the beating of feet on a road **6** : a ship that does not follow a regular course but takes cargo to any port — **trampy** \'tram-pē\ *adj*

tram•ple \'tram-pəl\ *vb* **tram•pled; tram•pling** **1** : to tread heavily so as to bruise, crush, or injure **2** : to inflict injury or destruction **3** : to press down or crush by or as if by treading — **trample** *n* — **tram•pler** *n*

tram•po•line \ˌtram-pə-'lēn, 'tram-pə-ˌlēn\ *n* [It *trampolino* springboard] : a resilient sheet or web (as of nylon) supported by springs in a metal frame and used as a springboard in tumbling — **tram•po•lin•ist** \-'lē-nist, -ˌlē-\ *n*